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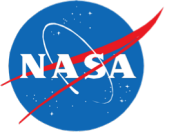
# Data Sciences at NASA Ames 2017 Ames Machine Learning Workshop

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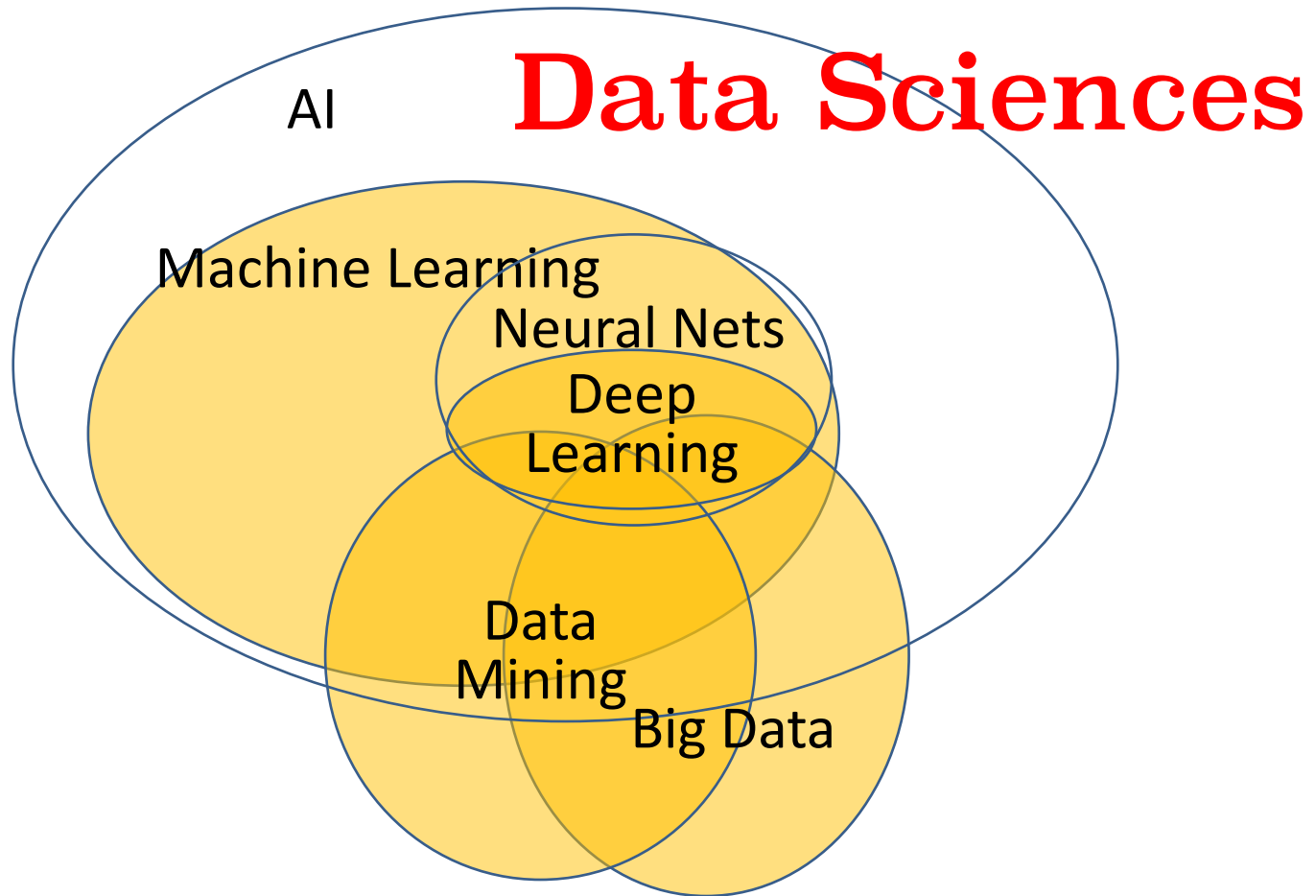
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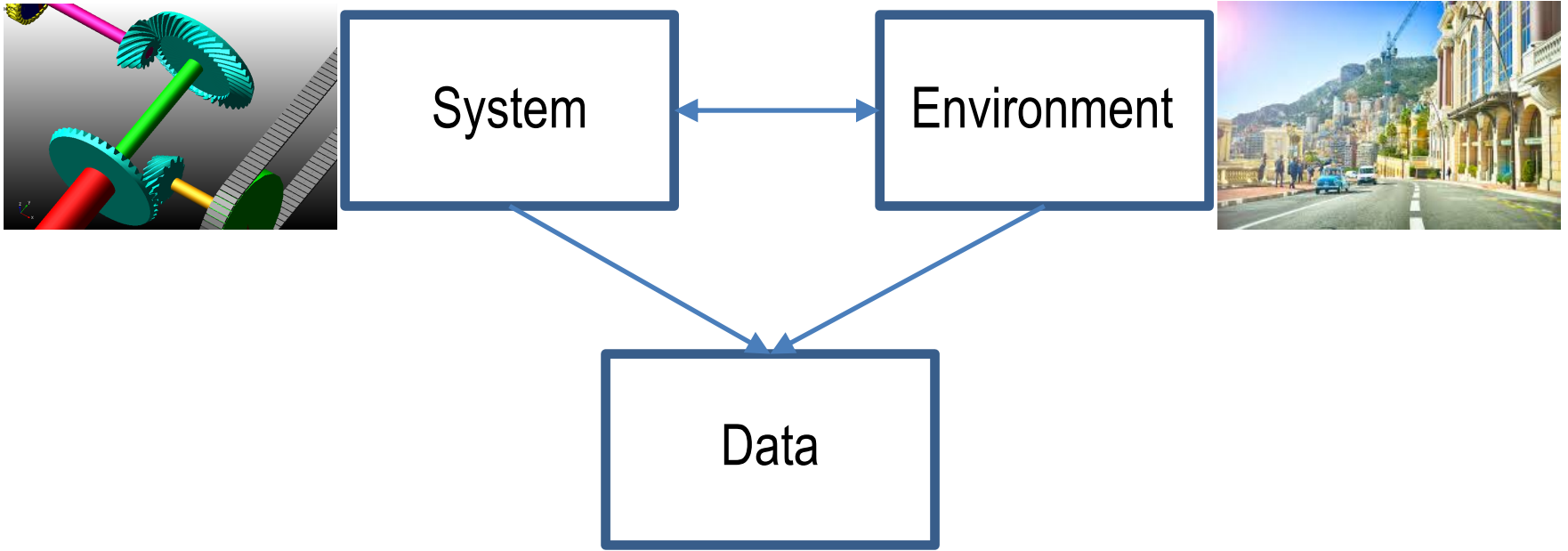
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- 2017 Ames Machine Learning Workshop
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# What is All This Stuff?



# Machine Learning



- Data are produced by system operating in an environment
- Goal: Reverse-engineer system and environment from data
- Understand how system *really* works, correct system model errors, understand true impact of environment





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# 2017 Machine Learning Workshop

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- What Machine Learning (ML) has done/can do for NASA problems
- What ML is/is not
  - Is: Difficult, Requires teamwork, Amenable to including domain knowledge, problem info
  - Is Not: Always a big data problem, deep learning + other stuff
- How NASA can engage with academia, industry in advancing ML and domains





# Workshop Agenda

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- Keynotes
- Machine Learning for NASA problems
  - Aeronautics
  - Earth Science
  - Space Science
  - Human Space Exploration





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- Keynotes
- Machine Learning for NASA problems
- Technologies Relevant to Machine Learning
  - Human-Machine Interaction
  - Hardware, Program Synthesis, V&V
- Breakout sessions
  - Recommendations for future work
- Path forward







# Keynotes

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- Peter Norvig, Director of Research, Google:
  - Practical ML, User provides problem and examples, not how to solve it; more data available---use it
- Vipin Kumar, Professor of Computer Science, University of Minnesota
  - Big Data in Climate, Using physics/Earth science knowledge to guide ML
- Nikunj Oza, Data Sciences Group Leader, NASA Ames Research Center
  - R&D in ML/DM/DS with NASA applications



# Keynotes

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- Piyush Mehrotra, HPC Infrastructure for ML
- Mike Little, Advanced Information Systems Technology (AIST), IT for Earth Science



# Machine Learning for Aeronautics

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- Deepak Kulkarni: Models of Weather Impact on Airspace Operations
- Heather Arneson: Analysis of Convective Weather Impact on Routing
- Bryan Matthews: Assessing RNAV STAR Adherence
- Vijay Janakiraman: Discovering Precursors to Safety Incidents





# ML for Aeronautics Breakout

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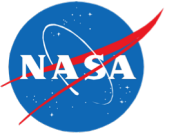
- ML for Safe UAV operations
- Explainable ML for Air Traffic Management Decision Support
- Human Performance Monitoring -> Improved policies, scheduling





# Machine Learning for Space Exploration

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- Shawn Wolfe: Automated Monitoring for Mission Operations
- David Thompson: Autonomous Medical Operations
- Rodney Martin: ISHM for Sustainable Habitats
- Adrian Agogino: Machine Learning for Multi-Agent Systems



# ML for Space Exploration Breakout

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- Reduce ML application learning curve
- Initially aim for non-safety critical, non-critical path applications to gain trust
- Explainability, V&V critical
- ISHM, assist humans, learn from historical operations



# Machine Learning for Earth Science



- Kamalika Das: ML for Effects of Climate on Amazon Rainforests
- Sangram Ganguly: Deep Learning Models for Satellite Image Classification
- Grey Nearing (Alabama): ML to Improve physics-based hydrology models
- James MacKinnon (NASA GSFC): Deep Neural Nets for Wildfire Detection, offline and embedded
- Stefano Ermon (Stanford): Transfer Learning, Deep Learning for poverty prediction, crop yield prediction





# ML for Earth Science

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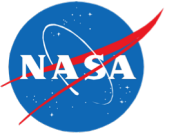
- Data: Noisy, multiple spatiotemporal resolutions
- Problems: Mapping (e.g., fire, poverty), Prediction (e.g., fires, extreme weather, climate), learning from physics and data
- Distributed sensing, intelligent instruments





# Machine Learning for Astrophysics/Planetary

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- Hamed Valizadegan: ML for Space Science and Engineering
- Nick Kern (Berkeley): Surrogate Modeling for Cosmology
- Sean McGregor (Oregon): FDL—Deep Learning for Solar Storm Prediction
- Mark Cheung (LockMart): FDL---Data Science for Heliophysics
- Madhulika Guhathakurta (NASA HQ)---FDL Overview



# Astrophysics/Planetary Breakout

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- Vetting Transiting Exoplanet Candidates: Classification, identifying relevant features
- Better Data Archives: Easier to use and access, facilitate large studies
- Frontier Development Labs (FDL)-type intensive collaborations



# Hardware, Program Synthesis, V&V

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- Cliff Young (Google): Tensorflow Processing Unit
- Timothy Randles (LANL): CharlieCloud containers
- Natalia Vassilieva (HP): Hardware and software choices for deep learning
- Johann Schumann: Toward synthesizing ML algorithms
- Guy Katz (Stanford): V&V of deep nets





# Hardware, etc., Breakout

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- Accounting for environment: low network bandwidth, onboard computing
- Data: format, too much and too little data
- Air Traffic Control: REALLY understand it, use all relevant data
- ML algorithms: When to use which ones?
- ML for Security, Security for ML
- ML for NASA programs
- Software for ML, including V&V





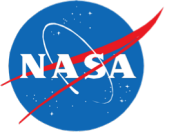


# Human-Machine Interaction

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- Milind Tambe (USC): Human-Machine Partnership for Social Good
- Karen Myers (SRI): Learning to Help Human Problem Solvers
- Kamalika Das: Active Learning for Domain Expert Feedback for Anomaly Detection
- Alonso Vera: What Machines Need to Learn to Help Human Problem Solvers





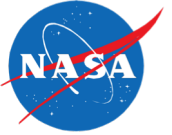
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# The Data Sciences Group at NASA Ames



*Data Mining Research and Development (R&D) for application to NASA problems (Aeronautics, Earth Science, Space Exploration, Space Science)*

## Group Members

Ilya Avrekh  
Kamalika Das, Ph.D.  
Dave Iverson  
Rodney Martin, Ph.D.  
Bryan Matthews  
Nikunj Oza, Ph.D.  
John Stutz  
Hamed Valizadegan, Ph.D.  
+ students

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- NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate- ATD, SMART-NAS, SASO Project, Seedling Fund
- NASA Engineering and Safety Center
- Ames Center Innovation Fund
- AMMOS
- Non-NASA: DARPA, DoD

*Team Members are NASA Employees, Contractors, and Students.*





# Collaborators

- Universities: Basic research in data sciences, domains
- Industry: Data sources, baseline methods, domain expertise
- NASA: Apply basic research, develop for NASA's needs, funding programs
- Other government: funding, domain expertise, data sources



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Michigan Aerospace





# How do we get the Word Out?

## DASHlink

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<https://dashlink.ndc.nasa.gov/>

DASHlink is a collaborative website designed to promote:

- Sustainability
- Reproducibility
- Dissemination
- Community building

Users can create profiles

- Share papers, upload and download open source algorithms
- Find NASA data sets.

The screenshot displays the DASHlink website interface. At the top, the NASA logo is on the left, and the DASHlink logo with the tagline "Discovery in Aeronautics Systems Health" is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for Topics, Algorithms, Data, and Members. A large banner image of an airplane is shown with the text: "DASHlink is a virtual laboratory for scientists and engineers to disseminate results and collaborate on research problems in health management technologies for aeronautics systems." Below the banner, the user profile for Nikunj Oza is displayed. The profile includes a photo, a title "Leader, Data Sciences Group", and affiliations "NASA". A bio paragraph describes his background and research interests. To the right of the profile, there are buttons for "Create New Project" and "Add New Resource", and a list of "Nikunj's Projects (7)" including "Text Mining Algorithms & ...", "Sample Flight Data", "Vehicle Level Reasoning System-VLRS", and "Conference on Intelligent Data ...". At the bottom, there is a section for "Last Added Resources".





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